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Statehood Now Assured

STATEHOOD is in sight at last. The house has repeatedly passed statehood measures, but the senate has until now refused. Thursday the senate passed its own statehood bill which now goes to conference. It is not believed there will be any great difficulty in reaching an agreement between the two houses.

This is the enabling act, but the territories cannot be admitted as states until they hold constitutional conventions, adopt constitutions, and secure the approval of president and congress to all the preliminary acts. The forward path is clearly marked out and it is now likely that the two territories will be proclaimed as states on July 4, 1911.

Arizona and New Mexico are the last remnants of territorial possessions organized as states within the continental boundaries of the union. They have been deserving of statehood for many years, and the repeated violation of party platforms has been anything but creditable to the dominant party. The long delay has enabled the Democrats to increase their strength in the territories; both territories would have been Republican without doubt if statehood had come sooner. As it is now, both the new states will be fighting territory for a long time to come. The population is about evenly divided between the two parties, a condition that ordinarily makes for good government, since one party is an effective check upon the other.

There will be four new senators and two new congressmen to be selected from the new states, and political prophets will be busy from now until the contest is settled. The fight for control of the two legislatures, and hence for the election of the four senators, will be about as hot a political contest as was ever known in this country. It is understood by the leaders of both parties that the party which secures the government and the senate during the first years of statehood will probably be dominant for many years to come. They are big prizes to fight for and both the new states will engage intense national interest, owing to the national political significance of their election results.

Statehood at last, and 750,000 American citizens will be given grudgingly and belatedly the opportunity to govern themselves, a right which has been unjustly withheld from them during many weary years.

Under statehood both commonwealths will progress rapidly and steadily. The stigma of rawness and instability that has always been carried by the name "territory" will now be removed. Most important of all for us, the southwest will henceforth be strongly represented at Washington, and our voice will be heard in matters of national as well as southwestern concern.

The whole country, and especially the eastern part, will benefit very greatly by the injection of broadminded, vigorous, sturdy western stock into the national lawmaking bodies. Men from this part of the country "think nationally." Their horizon is broad, their sympathies quick and comprehensive. They will introduce a powerful progressive element, both to advance the works of right and progress, and to redress wrong.

Whatever is done about the new insurance rates, there should be no delay in bringing the fire fighting system of the city up to standard. We need more fire apparatus, more paid men, and more fire plugs. If the alarm system is deficient in any respect, it should be put in good repair. The fire marshal inspection service is necessary for everybody's protection.

An "Extra" Worth Millions

THE farmers in this valley a few years hence will be the real bloated capitalists of the southwest, for they will own not only their lands with perpetual water rights, but also water power worth many millions. Very little has been said in discussing the Rio Grande project about water power possibilities. Yet it will be possible to develop upwards of 30,000 horse power practically and economically. It may cost an extra million or two to install the power plant, but the return to the farmers will be perpetual at the rate of anywhere from \$300,000 to \$1,500,000 per year—estimates vary as to the selling value of water power per unit in this section, but it certainly will not be less than \$10 per unit per year.

It is safe to say that the net income from the water power will more than take care of all maintenance charges of the project; in other words, after the farmers have made their ten payments and acquired ownership of the irrigation works, there will be no more outlay for repairs or maintenance, for the receipts from water power will take care of those costs.

A few years hence the owner of land in this valley will have cause to regard himself as the most fortunate being on earth. Prices are now ridiculously low, considering the absolutely certain increase to come within the next few years as construction work on the project goes forward.

A deacon in Zion City of Dowie fame was bitten on the finger by a rattlesnake and trusted to prayers to save him, but he soon died in great agony. He evidently called for the wrong brand.

Let's Amend the Charter

IF IT can be lawfully done, all our proposed amendments to the city charter should be presented to the legislature at the special session called for next month. There are three proposed amendments of particular importance: first, and most important of all, is to abolish the farcical "elective" school board system and substitute a board appointed by the mayor; second, to raise our tax rate limit to 2-1/2 percent, the proportion allowed by the state constitution. (This would increase our borrowing power by nearly \$2,000,000, and make it possible to carry out any reasonable plan for municipal waterworks extension and improvement); third, to change the time at which taxes become delinquent.

All these measures have been talked over and are thoroughly understood. There is no local opposition to any of them, and there would be no opposition in the legislature or from any other quarter. It is highly important that the city administration be empowered through the necessary charter amendments to go ahead with its progressive work, and if it is possible to gain the desired relief at the special session it should be done rather than wait another six months for the regular session.

Oklahoma adopted a paragraph in her state constitution, providing that Guthrie should remain the capital until 1913; but by a popular plurality of 33,000 the capital has just been moved to Oklahoma City. This indicates that any compromise as to temporary capitals, for Arizona and New Mexico is likely to be overturned a short time after statehood becomes a reality by a popular vote following a strongly fought campaign.

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UNCLE WALT'S Denatured Poem

HEN so familiar with the great, this Harry Thurston Peck, that every man of high estate has wept upon his neck. The poet Browning pondered deep the things that Harry said; Lord Tennyson was wont to sleep in Harry's cradle. When Ibsen wrote, he wildly cried: "My life will be a wreck, if this, my drama is denied, the praise of 'Thurston Peck'!" Said Kipling, in his better days: "What use is my renown, since Harry scans my blooming lays, and blights them with a frown?" The poet, when his end draws near, cries: "Death will be a wreck, if this, my drama is denied, the praise of 'Thurston Peck'!" Said Kipling, in his better days: "What use is my renown, since Harry scans my blooming lays, and blights them with a frown?"

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14 YEARS AGO TO-DAY

(From The Herald of this date, 1896)

Sir Henry Deering, British minister to Mexico, arrived last night from the west. Consul Mallen called on the distinguished diplomat and drove him and his son about the city in his private carriage, later visiting Juarez. The boys' band will be entertained tonight by G. M. McConaughy at his mesa garden residence.

A. P. Cole has sold to Isaac Blumenthal, lots 11, 12, 13 and 14 on the north 17 feet of lot 14, block 247, Campbell addition, for \$2100 cash.

The useless lattice work on the plaza bandstand will be removed so the boys cannot climb up the bandstand during the concert.

The weather clerk promised rain last night, but there was none. There has been no rain of consequence since January and the city is suffering.

Little Margaret Allan, of 401 North El Paso street, who was five years old yesterday, celebrated the event by entertaining 20 of her young friends.

El Paso lodge, A. F. and M. No. 130, held its annual election of officers last night, the following being chosen: Chas. F. Slack, worthy master; J. Edwin Grayson, S. W.; J. B. Watson, J. W.; J. C. Lackland, treasurer; A. Kaplan, secretary; J. W. Dornier, tiller.

The Foresters of America also held their election last night, selecting the following officers: C. Kiefer, J. P. C. R.; William Rheinheimer, C. R.; J. H. Frist, S. C. R.; J. T. Sullivan, recording secretary; J. Hammond, S. W.; Mr. Taylor, J. W.; H. Breton, S. B.; Joe Ruggles, J. R.

Messrs. Walz, Duncan and Hughes were out last night serenading some of their girl friends.

Col. Carlos Gonzales, of Torreon, Mex., is visiting in the city.

The friends of Alfred Schatz selected him a surprise last night at the home of J. L. Schlegel on Myrtle avenue.

Metal market—Silver, 88 1/2 c; lead, \$2.90; copper, 10 1/2 c; Mexican pesos, 53 c.

With the Exchanges

A PEEKABOO GAME. From Roswell (N. M.) Daily Record. With statehood it's a case of "now you see it and now you don't."

MAY HAVE BEEN. From Phoenix (Ariz.) Democrat. Then again the Tucson girl who chased a Jack-the-Hugger six blocks may have been insistently demanding an encore.

INSURANCE RATES SOAR. From Tucuman (N. M.) News and Times. Insurance rates have been pushed so high in El Paso by the insurance trusts that they are almost prohibitive.

STATEHOOD POETRY. From Tombstone (Ariz.) Prospector. Where is our wandering Bill tonight, Is it lost or strayed, or merely mislaid—Oh, why is our Bill so late?

LAND BETTER THAN BONDS. From Farmington (N. M.) Times-Herald. Land in an irrigated, fruit raising section like this is the safest and best investment that a man can make. It is better than bonds because it will pay a better dividend. It is better than banks because it cannot be broke by a panic. A panic might temporarily depress its value, but the pressure of population with the return of prosperity will carry it to a still higher point.

GOOD ROADS. A good road from Beaumont to Houston through Liberty or Chambers county is the thing and should be built this year.—Beaumont Enterprise. No better argument than this deep, black mud. But good roads leading into McKinney, and the farmers will be 15 1/2 gallons, or 3.58 barrels of 42 gallons, equal to one ton of coal.

NOT A LUXURY. From Arizona (Phoenix) Gazette. The increased insurance rates are costing El Paso \$20,000 per month—penalty by the way, Phoenix is not paying for the luxury of privately owned waterworks system. Phoenix bought the waterworks, improved it and insurance rates went down.

NOT YET. From Bisbee (Ariz.) Miner. Some English papers have accused the El Paso Herald of running a strike passenger engine now running extra passenger engine No. 3016, will be given a new locomotive of the 2200 class soon. The new engine will be No. 2280.

OLD PASSENGER ENGINE GETS NEW LOCOMOTIVE. Charles Wilcox, the oldest passenger engineer on the Lordsburg division of the Southern Pacific, now running extra passenger engine No. 3016, will be given a new locomotive of the 2200 class soon. The new engine will be No. 2280.

VACANCIES ON S. P. The following vacancies on the Tucson division of the Southern Pacific are open to filling until July 30: Freight brakeman, cab 183, Gila-Yuma local, vice Wm. Berry; freight brakeman, cab 317, Lordsburg-Benson local, vice J. T. Moxey; passenger brakeman, trains Nos. 7 and 8, conductor C. W. Jones.

S. P. HAS FREIGHT WRECK AT MYNDUS Fifteen cars off—Trains Detoured—Wrecker Goes From El Paso. Fifteen cars of an S. P. freight train left the track at Myndus, N. M., 75 miles west of El Paso, at 6:10 o'clock Friday morning. Five of the cars were filled with ore and 10 were empties. The wreckers left for the scene of the derailment and the track is being repaired. Trains No. 1 and 9 went west over the Southern Pacific track, being delayed at El Paso until 10:50 and 10:45 respectively. No. 4, due in El Paso at 12:40 p. m., will come in over the Western track.

GIL CONSTRUCTION ON THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY Company Used 746,000 Barrels During April for Covering 2,851,950 Miles. Much Cheaper Than Coal. The construction of the Southern Pacific railway system west of El Paso and Sparks and south of Ashland, Calif., amounts to 9,000,000 barrels per annum. In April last, the oil burned on this system was 746,000 barrels. The locomotive mileage was 2,851,950, showing a duty of 0.28 barrel of oil of about 16 degrees Beaume per locomotive mile. During the period of nine months ended March 31, 1910, the duty was 16 gallons of oil per locomotive per mile in freight traffic, and 8-1/4 gallons in passenger service. The locomotive mileage was 2,851,950, showing a duty of 0.28 barrel of oil of about 16 degrees Beaume per locomotive mile. During the period of nine months ended March 31, 1910, the duty was 16 gallons of oil per locomotive per mile in freight traffic, and 8-1/4 gallons in passenger service. 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